



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>ART UNIT: 1762 EXAMINER: Elena Tsoy APPLICANT: Tienteh Chen SERIAL NO.: 10/769,385 FILED: 1/30/04 CONFIRM. NO.: 8388 DOCKET NO.: 200312792-1 FOR: SURFACE MODIFICATION OF SILICA IN AN AQUEOUS ENVIRONMENT</p>	<p>AMENDMENT/RESPONSE CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 DATE OF DEPOSIT: 08/22/2006 I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.  Brenda Wiseman</p>
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Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the June 22, 2006 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1-22. A request for continued examination (RCE) and appropriate fee authorization is filed herewith. Please reconsider the present application with the accompanying responsive remarks.